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## General Comment

Clearly, our community depends on clean water for our health, livelihoods and economic security.

Unfortunately, pollution is killing the Chesapeake and hundreds of other rivers and creeks in the region. All this pollution gets collected into the bay, which is no better shape today than it was 25 years ago.

You now have the unique opportunity to do something about it, and the time has come to put strong, enforceable water safety standards in place to protect our homes, support our economy and ensure that our streams and rivers are healthy today and for our children's future.

I urge you to develop a strong pollution diet in my state that holds us all accountable for the pollution that is harming our wildlife and damaging our local economy. It is imperative that these plans address all sources of pollution and demonstrates how reductions will be gained. Citizens across this state and the region need your help to keep our water clean and protected.

Political and governmental leaders in Chemung County, NY have taken the "it's a too costly approach." That is short sighted. New York State and its local governments along the watershed corridor must be pushed to help clean up our water. With Hydo Fracking most likely to arrive on our doorsteps in 2011, there will be a need for even closer scrutiny. The natural gas drillers around the country have shown no willingness to protect the watersheds in which they operate. The EPA must come down on them NOW with a much heavier regulatory hand.